

# St. John's Announcements

## November 23, 2025



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You will notice plenty of progress on the construction project this week. Though we have again entered in a period where things are going to look worse before they look better. The interior wall inside the lower narthex is complete, and the outside demolition work is underway. The main entrance to the church is now Door 2 (the north door). For those who are mobility challenged, please park on the north side (uphill side) of the building. For those who can manage the walk, please park on the southside of the building and walk around the parking lot or the path on the eastside of the church.

A big thanks to everyone who has participated in the food drive. We still have two more Sundays to go.

Blessings, *Marc*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

11/26 @ 10:30am  
Wednesday Eucharist  
in St. Mary's Hall

No Bible Study

**2025 Christmas Gift Card Sales** – Sale will begin November 2<sup>nd</sup> and the last day to order is December 7<sup>th</sup>. Delivery to the church will be December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please make your check payable to St. John's Episcopal Church and give your orders to Bill Francis or leave them at the parish office. This is an easy way to shop for Christmas and a chance to help those who are in need amongst us. Thank you!

**Outreach Announcement** - St John's will have a non-perishable Holiday Food Drive the four remaining weekends in November. We will pass along the collected items to Cornerstone (Vernon), East Hartford food pantry, and MACC (Manchester). The need for food donations is always great this time of year and the interruption of government funding has made it much worse. Below is a list of non-perishable food items requested by local pantries. Please consider donating some of them as you do your own grocery shopping. There will be a collection area in the upper level of the church entrance.

Thank you for your support,

## St John's Outreach Group

Cereal

## Chili / Canned Pasta, Beef Stew, Baked Beans

## Canned Veggies

### Peanut Butter / Jelly

## Sugar, Flour

### Pasta, Pasta Sauce in plastic jars or cans

Ramen Noodles, Rice-A-Roni, Instant Potatoes Knorr or rice side dishes

## Chicken Noodle or Tomato Soup

### Individual snack size packages of cookies

### Packaged scalloped/mashed potatoes

## Annual Multi-Faith Thanksgiving Service

On Sunday, November 23 at 5:00pm at Beth Sholom B'nai Israel, 400 East Middle Turnpike, Manchester, will be our yearly interfaith Thanksgiving service. Clergy and laity from nearly all faiths from around the Greater Manchester area will be represented. All are welcome. Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation.

## Advent Series

Our annual Advent series will include a soup supper and will take place at 6:00pm in St. Mary's Hall on three consecutive Thursdays – December 4<sup>th</sup>, December 11<sup>th</sup>, and December 18<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to attend. This year, we will be continuing our theme of sharing our stories of faith. This time we will focus on other notable people and how they share their faith journeys. We will be reading *Witness to Belief: Conversations on Faith and Meaning* by Russell Levenson. Father Russ is a retired Episcopal priest. We will read the stories of well-known individuals from as diverse interests as Sam Waterston to Jane Goodall. If you would like a copy of the book, please sign up in the back of the church, or contact Christina.